

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 12, 2004. Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9 and 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Whang et al.* (US 6,609,008 B1) in view of *Ericsson* (US 6,223,047), and Claims 5, 8, 10, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Whang* in view of *Ericsson*, and further in view of *Dent* (US 6,535,752 B1).

The present invention is directed to a method for controlling power-off of a mobile station in order to reduce a load on a base station. However, in rejecting the pending claims of the present application, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has not cited a single reference directed to the same subject matter. For instance, *Whang* is directed to a method for controlling signal power to reduce channel interference, *Ericsson* is directed to a method of reducing power consumption of a terminal by automatically shutting down from a standby mode, and *Dent* is also directed to a method for reducing power consumption in a mobile terminal by automatically shutting down a mobile terminal. None of the references cited by the Examiner are directed to handling a power-off by a user of the mobile terminal as recited in the claims of the present application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect in rejecting the pending claims as none of the references cited by the Examiner teach performing any functions *at a power-off request of a mobile station user*, as is recited in each independent claim of the present application, and it respectfully requested that the rejections of the pending claims be withdrawn.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-13, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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